

which marked the assumption of command by Admiral Makarov, will prove the fleet's ability to handle the ship. With the channel open, it is expected that Admiral Makarov will make the squadron an aggressive force.

Appreciating the importance of the division of the fleet before the war, it is believed that Admiral Makarov will attempt to unite his forces by bringing the Vladivostok squadron to Port Arthur.

Repairs on the battleship Boyevan will be completed in a few weeks, but the battleship Gromov is so badly damaged that it is not thought that she can participate in any of the operations for a long time.

ALEXIEFF'S ACCOUNT.

Viceroy Gives Nicholas Story of Fight on Wednesday.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, March 11.—Viceroy Alexieff has sent the following message to the Emperor:

"In the fight between our torpedo boats and the Japanese cruisers on March 10th, Captain Matyushin, Ensign Alexandroff and Mechanic Engineer Blinnoff received slight wounds, and Ensign Zheff was severely wounded in the head, losing his right eye.

"The commandant at Port Arthur reports the following details of the bombardment of the fortress there on March 10th:

"As soon as the enemy opened fire our batteries replied. Six of the enemy's ships remained behind the Liao-Tsishin promontory and opened fire on the fortress over that shelter. They ceased bombarding at 1:15 P. M. The enemy fired about two hundred projectiles. One shell from battery No. 15, on Eleonora Cliff, damaged a Japanese cruiser seriously.

"The results of the bombardment were insignificant; six soldiers were wounded, three inhabitants of the town were killed and one was seriously wounded.

"According to General Stossel's report the officers and soldiers of the shore batteries displayed exemplary courage and fired their guns in perfect order."

NO FIGHTING YESTERDAY.

At Least London Was Not Able to Hear of Any.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, March 12.—Although there is some confusion of dates in the official messages from the far East regarding recent attacks on Port Arthur and other engagements, which is probably due to the fact that these affairs occurred during the night time, no fresh action is known to have taken place on Friday.

A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Seoul describes these Japanese attacks on Port Arthur as "successful preparatory bombardments," thereby intimating that a greater attempt to reduce Port Arthur is imminent.

The official announcement from Mukden that the Russian army corps, which has arrived at Harbin, will be held there because of the landing of Japanese troops at different points and the various reports of the intentions of the Japanese commanders, is an unintentional tribute from Viceroy Alexieff to Japan's extraordinary success in concealing her plan of campaign and mystifying the enemy as to her movements.

A correspondent at Che-Foo, of the Daily Mail gives alleged information of the Japanese landing movements up to March 9th, and says that disembarkation is proceeding at Chemulpo and points to the northward with marvelous rapidity. During the last ten days sixteen transports have landed ten thousand men at a town the Japanese call Kakhoo (probably Itung-Ju, ninety-four miles northwest of Chemulpo, on the Tai-Dong River) twelve miles by sea from Chemulpo.

URNS BACK ON RUSSIA.

Korea Takes Opportunity to Announce Nullification of Concessions.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, March 11.—The Japanese-Korean protocol was published at Seoul. In an extra edition of the Gazette yesterday, the Korean government will publicly announce that the publication of the protocol nullifies the concessions granted to Russia, such as the non-alienation of coal mining at Koshio Island, and Rose Island and the forestry concessions in the Ullungdo, Tumen and Yalu Valleys.

The Panama Canal

is proving a live subject with the school boys. There is a distinction well as a handsome prize awaiting the winners. Phone or call for slips explaining the contest.



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VIRGINIA BRIEFS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., March 11.—A meeting of the Southampton County Teachers' Institute at Courtland, the following officers were elected: Dr. J. F. Bryant, president; Walter W. White, first vice-president; John N. Sobrell, Sr., second vice-president; Mrs. S. L. Beaton, secretary; and Miss Person, treasurer.

NORFOLK, Va.—The will of James P. Johnson, disposing of an estate of \$20,000, has been admitted to record. Half of the property goes to his wife, and the remainder is divided among his five children.

STAUNTON, Va.—The dwelling house of Mr. J. W. Geler, of this county, was destroyed by fire about midnight last night, the inmates escaping in their night clothes. Everything in the house was destroyed. Loss about three thousand dollars.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—The cruiser Cleveland, with a board of inspection, was on board, sailed to-day from Old Point Comfort for Charleston, S. C. Captain Charles J. Train is president of the board, which goes to the Palmetto State in connection with the new naval station to be established at Charleston.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Mrs. E. G. Dowling, the owner of the Hotel Southern, in this place, has leased the property to Mr. Dodson, of near Danville.

WINCHESTER, Va.—A large barn belonging to Dorsey Dehaven, this county, was destroyed by fire last evening, together with all its contents. The loss is \$2,000, with no insurance.

CHATHAM, Va.—The ten-year-old son of James Short, of Sycamore, Wednesday, while at work in a new ground, was caught by a snake in the thigh and the other below the navel.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—The faculty and students of William and Mary College received an invitation to-day from the president of the Newport News Club, to attend the launching of the battleship Virginia on April 6th, and to take part in the parade on that occasion. The invitation will be accepted.

LYNCHBURG, Va.—Mrs. Virginia Lee Guy, who resides in Rivermont, has been appointed guardian of the estate of Fluvanna county against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad for \$30,000 for the death of her son, Guy, who was killed near Hardware by being run over by a train. Towing Guy was visiting in Fluvanna.

WINTHAM, Va.—G. E. Wallington, a merchant of Elba, on Wednesday afternoon filed a deed of assignment in the Circuit Court clerk's office, naming G. R. Moore & Co., of Lynchburg, as preferred creditors in three notes, amounting to over \$300.

STAUNTON, Va.—In a dance given last Wednesday night on the farm of Mr. David Gannaway, John Allen, colored, shot and killed a negro named Henry Henry. No arrest has been made.

STAUNTON, Va.—Mr. William A. Bell and Miss Mary West, both of this city, went to Washington, and were married there Wednesday by Rev. F. R. Prettyman. The bride and groom will make their home in this city, where Mr. Bell is engaged in business.

MANCHESTER LICENSE TAX

Ordinance Was Not Considered by the Council Last Night.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 102 Hull Street, Va. Council did not consider the license tax ordinance last night, but ordered it to be printed for distribution among the members for consideration at the next meeting.

Up to this time Manchester has never had a consistent license tax. Last year a special committee was appointed, with Mr. R. V. Owen chairman, to examine into the question and to report before August of this year.

Mr. Owen and his committee set to work seriously and energetically to place Manchester on a footing with other cities in the State. This idea was to protect the local merchants and to demand from them an equitable license for the protection afforded, at the same time creating a source of revenue, commensurate with the amount of business transacted.

For months Mr. Owen and Mr. Rudd, a subcommittee of the License Committee, worked hard. They examined the reports of nine other cities. The present bill is the result.

It taxes several interests that have heretofore remained untaxed; it places the minimum merchants' tax at \$5, and it raises the liquor license from \$20 to \$25.

The general average is less than other cities of like size.

When the bill comes up at the next meeting, all persons interested will be invited to appear before the body of make their protests, if they have any to make.

Council does not wish to place a hardship upon any one.

Nothing but routine work was done last night by Council.

The board of Aldermen will meet on Tuesday night, when nothing but small matters of a routine nature are expected to come up.

FOR RE-ELECTION.

Councilman Owen said last night that he had heard there would be strong opposition against him for re-election on the ground of his work on the license bill.

"I shall not weaken," said Mr. Owen, "but will be a candidate just the same. I will always do my best in Council for the interests of the city."

FUNERAL OF MR. ALVIS.

The funeral of Mr. William W. Alvis will be from Oak Grove Baptist Church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and the burial will be in Manly Cemetery.

Mr. Alvis died Thursday night, after a short illness of pneumonia. He was forty-five years old, and is survived by his wife and five children. His brothers are John S. and Walter L. of Manchester, and J. A. of Richmond, and his sisters—Mrs. Maury Gates and Mrs. Sallie Knibb, of Goodland.

Mr. Alvis was quite a popular man, and his death is regretted by a large circle.

PERSONAL AND NOTES.

Mr. M. R. Herring, dispatcher at the P. and O. Station, Seventh and Perry Streets, is sick at Memorial Hospital.

Mr. P. T. Dickinson has opened up the electrical contractors' business at No. 515 Hull Street.

Beta Chapter, Standard Bearers, of Stockton Street Church, met last night at No. 1319 Porter Street.

Judge Clifton will hold court for Judge Watson next week.

58 CONVERSIONS.

A notable, and in some respects remarkable, revival is in progress at the Pine Street Baptist Church.

The preaching began Monday night, and there are already 58 conversions. For three nights in succession fourteen persons have professed conversion, and there were others at a special address, service yesterday. The crowds are large, and the interest is very great.

The meeting is being conducted by the Rev. C. W. Duke, of Elizabeth City, N. C., who seven years ago converted 200 people at the church.

The services will continue through next week. There will be preaching to-night after a half-hour prayer meeting. Tomorrow, besides the usual morning and night services, there will be a special meeting for men at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Duke will also address the Sunday school children at 10 A. M.

ROBBERS IN PETERSBURG

Tabb Street Church to Spend Four Thousand for Improvements.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, Va., March 11.—The Building Committee of Tabb Street Presbyterian Church has awarded to Messrs. Perkinson and Plinn the contract for the granite work to be done in the church yard, entrance to the manse and on the large porch of the church. These and other improvements were authorized by the congregation Sunday, and it is expected to spend about \$4,000 in making the improvements to the church and manse.

Thieves were at work in the city last night, and several houses were visited. An unsuccessful attempt was made to enter the residence of Mrs. G. B. Jones. The robbers were discovered and made their escape. At the house of Mary Hill, colored, they were more successful, and secured some booty. Upon leaving the house the thieves set fire to the place.

The flames were discovered in time to prevent much damage, and the building was saved.

The Petersburg tobacco market has been very active throughout the week. Receipts were heavy, the usual offerings received by wagons being augmented by large quantities shipped by rail from the adjoining counties. Good prices have prevailed during the week; the offerings were very good as to quality, and the prices at the close were higher than at the beginning of the week. The breaks were the heaviest of the season.

Mr. J. W. Titus, for many years connected with the Virginia Manufacturing Company, of Suffolk, Va., has moved with his family to Petersburg, where he will hereafter reside.

Rehearsals have begun for the production by Petersburg juveniles of Palmer Cox's "Brownies at the Academy." The company will appear at the Saturday performance at the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Wesley Leonard Wray and Miss Louise Carter Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis, of Dinwiddie county, were married yesterday by the Rev. J. A. Jefferson. The affair was an elopement, objections to the marriage being on the ground of the youth of the bride, who is but fourteen years of age.

W. H. Camp, Jr., son of Mr. M. V. II. Camp, collector of the city taxes, suffered a fracture of one of his legs yesterday by being thrown from his horse.

Mrs. Andrew Drinkwater is visiting friends in Blackstone, Va.

Mrs. Annie Hoy has gone to Blackstone to visit her sister, Mrs. D. W. Tucker.

Miss Rebecca Marks, of Dinwiddie county, who had been teaching school near Covington, Va., has returned to her home near Farmville.

Mr. Father O'Ferrall spent the day in Farmville, being summoned there to visit a sick friend.

Miss Annie Harvell has returned from a visit to Suffolk.

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Continuing, he inquired: "Are you going to say to the country that the department that lies about you tells the truth about its own actions? Do you intend to go before your constituents and the good people of the United States and say that this great department, which has published this report, 'conceived in sin and born in iniquity,' is the purest and the best and the most capable to examine into its own iniquities?" Loud applause, followed this utterance.

Hymn in Human Form.
Mr. Klutz (North Carolina) maintained that members had been charged with no violation of law, but with a violation of a secret regulation of the Postoffice Department, which could not have been known to the members named in the report, who made the requests for additional clerical assistance.

"What more detestable," he vehemently inquired, "is the hymn in human form, who would tear aside the sepulchre of the dead and seek to besmirch and defile an honorable reputation?" This remark was brought out because included among the names mentioned in the report was that of the late Representative Moody, of North Carolina. Mr. Klutz also vigorously denounced former Senator and now Justice, Prichard. He closed by demanding an investigation of the department.

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"I, a Democrat, serving my first term in Congress, am charged with exercising undue influence with officials of the Postoffice Department," was the statement of Mr. Pou (N. C.), and the House laughed. He was willing to sit during the entire summer if necessary to go to the bottom of the matter.

Nominated Speaker Cannon.
William Alden Smith (Michigan) next took the floor, and fervently delivered himself of his views concerning the report.

"I denounce this report," he said, "as a voluntary and gratuitous insult by a great executive department of this government. That department has undertaken voluntarily to cast a stigma upon this great chamber of the people. It has gone out of its way to keep fast back which should have been given," he continued. He then threw the House into a state of wild excitement. Men of the highest character, he declared, had been assailed by the report, among them the Speaker of the House himself. "I hope that the day is not far distant when, with the general consent of the American people, the Speaker will be lifted to the executive office."

The scene which followed this remark was almost indescribable. The entire membership of the House wildly cheered. The echoes had not died out when there was another outburst of yelling, singing and cries of "hear," "hear." Speaker Cannon in the meantime was vigorously rapping for order.